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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Delegation of Authority to Chief, CI for  
Approval of CI Basic Plans or Projects

REFERENCE : DCI Memorandum to DDCI, DD/P, DD/A,  
dated 30 January 1954, subject: "Approval  
of F.I. Projects" (Tab A)

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1. Your concurrence in the attached memorandum add:  
to Chief, CI is requested.

2. By referenced memorandum (Tab A) you delegated to the  
DD/P and his Chief of Operations authority to approve under  
certain specified conditions espionage and counterespionage  
projects. The FI Staff was delegated certain of this authority.  
The attached memorandum extends to the Chief, CI Staff the  
same authority with reference to counterespionage operations  
as the Chief, FI Staff has with reference to espionage operations.

(Signed) Richard Helms

RICHARD HELMS  
Chief of Operations, DD/P

Attachment: a/s

cc: DDCI

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CONCUR:

SIGNED

Director of Central Intelligence

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by Mr. Helms, passed by  
D.C.I. Signed 10 June.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Counter Intelligence

SUBJECT : Delegation of Authority to Chief, CI in  
Approval of CI Basic Plans or Projects

REFERENCE : a. Memorandum from DCI to DDCI,  
DD/P and DD/A, dated 30 January 1954,  
Subject: Approval of FI Projects. 25X1  
b. Regulation [ ] dated 25 February 1954,  
Subject: Obligation and Expenditure of Funds

1. In accordance with sub-paragraph 1.b. of reference a, the  
Chief, CI is authorized to approve, renew, extend and amend CI  
Basic Plans and Projects on a calendar year basis as delineated  
below:

a. Chief, CI is authorized to approve all new CI Basic  
Plans or Projects calling for an annual expenditure of an  
amount up to and including the sum of [ ] 25X1

b. Chief, CI is authorized to approve the renewal of all  
CI Basic Plans or Projects calling for an annual expenditure  
up to and including the sum of [ ] 25X1

c. Chief, CI is authorized to approve the amendments  
of all new CI Basic Plans or Projects provided such amendments  
do not bring the sum total authorized for the project to  
more than [ ]

d. Chief, CI is authorized to approve amendments to

CI Basic Plans or Projects during a renewal year provided such

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amendments do not bring the sum total authorized for the project to more than [ ] However, if approval of the amendment during the renewal year would bring the sum total of the project above the original approving officer's limitation, the requested amendment will then require the approval of higher authority as appropriate. (For example: COP-DD/P gives approval of renewal of a project costing

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[ ] His renewal limitation is restricted to [ ]

Prior to expiration of the project, the Division requests an amendment costing [ ] This amendment cannot be approved by Chief, CI or by COP-DD/P since it brings the sum total of the project cost to [ ] which requires DDCI approval.)

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e. Chief, CI is authorized to approve the extensions of Basic Plans or Projects under the same conditions as set forth in 1. b., above, since an extension must be considered, in effect, a renewal.

f. Chief, CI is authorized to approve all terminations of Basic Plans or Projects, however, any expenses connected with termination must not exceed Chief, CI's approval limitations of [ ] the first year or [ ] in a renewal year. Expenditures to meet previously approved

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commitments (i. e., death and disability, resettlement, bonuses, etc.

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can be approved by Chief, CI without referral to higher authority.

2. All matters involving significant new policy determinations or other questions indicating the desirability of decision by higher authority, including the Director of Central Intelligence, will be properly referred for decision prior to final action, regardless of the amounts involved.

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3. This delegation to the Chief, CI includes the authority to

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4. In accordance with sub-paragraph 8. a., reference b, appropriate approving officers are granted authority to obligate, advance, and/or expend funds to meet officially authorized expenses, within the limitations of established allotments. In the light of this regulation, and the authority granted him in first reference memorandum, the Chief, CI is authorized to advance funds in line with his authority to approve Basic Plans or Projects. As an internal measure, this authority enables the Chief, CI to authorize the advance of funds in the absence of formal approval of a plan or projects. Thus in the support of a new operation, for

approval, he may approve the advance expenditure of funds up to  
and including

(Signed) Richard Helms

**RICHARD HELMS**  
Chief of Operations, DD/P

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TAB A

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30 January 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director (Plans)  
Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Approval of F.I. Projects

1. Within the total amount of funds authorized for foreign intelligence purposes from the appropriations available to the Agency and within policy lines established, authority is hereby granted to approve of espionage and counterespionage operational projects, not heretofore approved under previously existing procedures, as follows:

a. The Deputy Director (Plans) may approve of any project calling for an expenditure of an amount not exceeding [ ] in a Fiscal Year. The Chief of Operations, Office of the Deputy Director (Plans), may approve of the renewal of projects where previously approved by competent authority and the amounts involved will not exceed [ ] in a Fiscal Year.

b. The Chief of Operations may approve of projects in amounts not exceeding [ ] in a Fiscal Year, and may delegate in writing such authority to the Chief of Foreign Intelligence, as to individual projects involving an expenditure of less than [ ] (The Chief of Foreign Intelligence Staff may approve of the renewal of projects where previously approved by competent authority and the amounts involved will not exceed [ ] in a Fiscal Year.)

c. Projects involving expenditures in excess of [ ] in a Fiscal Year will be forwarded by the Deputy Director (Plans) to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence with DD/P recommendations for action. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence will effect any further coordination which he deems appropriate and is authorized in his discretion to approve of any such project or refer it to the Director for determination of final action.

2. All matters involving significant new policy determinations or other questions indicating the desirability of decision by higher authority, including the Director of Central Intelligence, will

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be properly referred for decision prior to final action, regardless of the amounts involved.

[Redacted]

3. The provisions of Agency Regulation [Redacted] are hereby amended to the extent that they are inconsistent with the above.

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/s/

**ALLEN W. DULLES**  
Director

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